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# John De Meyer Correspondence

John Reed DeMeyer 1909-

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Hilda Lucey

Hilda McLeod  
*Maine State Library*

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DEMEYER, John

June 11, 1965

June 11, 1935

Smith & Haas, Inc.  
17 East 49th St.  
New York City

Gentlemen:

We have noticed a recent announcement concerning the forthcoming publication BAILEY'S DAUGHTERS by John DeMeyer. We are anxious to communicate with author DeMeyer, since this is a book with Maine background. We are interested in all such books, and would also like to know if Mr. DeMeyer is a Maine-born author. Would it be possible for us to secure his address through you.

Very truly yours  
Maine State Library

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Secretary

July 10, 1936

Smith and Haas, Inc.  
17 East 49th St.  
New York City

Gentlemen:

Under date of June 11, we wrote you as follows:

"We have noticed a recent announcement concerning the forthcoming publication BAILEY'S DAUGHTERS by John DeMeyer. We are anxious to communicate with author DeMeyer, since this is a book with a Maine background. We are interested in all such books, and would also like to know if Mr. DeMeyer is a Maine-born author. Would it be possible for us to secure his address through you?"

Having received no reply to this request, we are again writing to you, trusting that we may secure this information.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary



*Harrison Smith and Robert Haas, Inc.*

17 EAST 49TH STREET PUBLISHERS NEW YORK CITY

TELEPHONE: PLAZA 3 - 3270



CABLE ADDRESS: BENTBOW

July 16th, 1935

Miss Hilda McLeod  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss McLeod:

We have your letter of July 10  
requesting information concerning John DeMeyer,  
author of "Bailey's Daughters".

Mr. DeMeyer's address is 131  
Benedict Terrace, Longmeadow, Mass., and although  
he was born in Mass. his family come from Maine  
and he himself has spent every summer there since  
his childhood.

Sincerely yours,

HL

HARRISON SMITH & ROBERT HAAS

*Hilda Lucey*



July 20, 1936

Mr. John DeMeyer  
131 Benedict Terrace  
Longmeadow, Mass.

Dear Mr. DeMeyer:

We have noticed a recent announcement concerning the forthcoming publication of BAILEY'S DAUGHTERS, and since this is a book with Maine background, we were particularly interested in it and the author. We learned with disappointment that we could not claim you as a Maine-born author, but our spirits were revived when we discovered that your family came from Maine, and that you are a summer resident of our State.

We feel that we can therefore approach you in regard to our Maine Author Collection, which is an exhibit collection of books by contemporary Maine authors, and books with Maine backgrounds and characters, all inscribed and most of them presented. In it are several hundred volumes, due to the kindness and generosity of our literary folk.

Of course we are always delighted when we discover a new Maine author, and hasten to include his books to our shelves. We do hope that you are going to want to send us an inscribed copy of BAILEY'S DAUGHTERS- an intriguing title-when it is published.

In the meantime, if we will be permitted our persistence, we would be exceedingly grateful for biographical information, which our files seem, with unpardonable oversight, to lack. Of course we like to maintain as complete a file of biographical data on our authors as possible, and we are continually indebted to them for their kindness in supplying these facts.

We hope we are not making too many demands upon your very busy life, but it is a day of elation when we discover a new Maine author. We wish you great success with BAILEY'S DAUGHTERS, and hope we are to

Mr. John DeMeyer  
Longmeadow, Mass  
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include it upon our shelves.

We extend also a very cordial invitation to  
visit the library and its Maine Author Collection  
when you are again in Maine.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

Secretary

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August 26, 1935

Mr. John DeMeyer  
131 Benedict Terrace  
Longmeadow, Mass.

Dear Mr. DeMeyer:

On July 20 we wrote to you regarding your new book, BAILEY'S DAUGHTERS. We are especially interested in its Maine background, since we have an exhibit collection of the works of Maine authors. We feel that we can well include you, as yours is a Maine family, and we are told that your summers are spent in our state.

We hope that we will be permitted the pleasure of adding an inscribed copy of BAILEY'S DAUGHTERS to this collection, and we assure you that we greatly appreciate the kindness of our authors in matters of this sort.

If you would be so kind as to send us some material of a biographical nature, we would be extremely grateful, as we endeavor to keep on file all available information about our writers.

Again we congratulate you and wish for your book the best of success, and for ourselves, an inscribed copy for the Maine Author Collection.

Very truly yours  
Maine State Library

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Secretary



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Philadelphia, Atlanta, San Francisco*

Cable -  
MILTBRADCO

*Springfield, Mass.*

September 6, 1935

Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine

Attention of Hilda McLeod, Secretary

Gentlemen:

I am very sorry that I have been so lax in replying to your letters, but I have been extremely busy for the last two months.

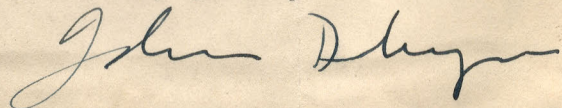
I am very pleased to hear that you are interested in obtaining a copy of BAILEY'S DAUGHTERS for your exhibit collection of the works of Maine authors. While I hardly feel that I can qualify as a Maine author, I am, of course, pleased to be included.

I should however suggest that I inscribe a copy of the English edition published by Gollancz of London, for the very good reason that the English book is entitled as the manuscript was originally written and is, I feel very sure, a far more fitting title when the actual characters in the story are taken into consideration.

The story is, as you know, a rough tale but there are nevertheless many qualities about it which expresses some of the finer points of Maine life. The title of the English edition is "GOD'S CHILDREN".

Please let me hear from you in regard to which of the two editions you prefer. I will then forward a copy immediately together with a certain amount of biographical material.

Very truly yours,



JRD/LMC

184 Benedict Terrace  
Longmeadow, Mass.



September 10, 1935

Mr. John DeMeyer  
84 Benedict Terrace  
Longmeadow, Mass.

Dear Mr. DeMeyer:

Thank you for your exceedingly kind letter of last week. We assure you that GOD'S CHILDREN, the English edition of your book, seems to us the more appropriate title for the Maine Author Collection. We will note the fact that the American edition carried an altered title.

We will be delighted indeed to possess the biographical material which you mention. Such generous cooperation is appreciated!

GOD'S CHILDREN is assured of a warm welcome, and a return label and postage are enclosed for your convenience.

Very truly yours,  
Maine State Library

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Secretary

December 16, 1935

Mr. John DeMeyer  
84 Benedict Terrace  
Longmeadow, Mass.

Dear Mr. DeMeyer:

We hesitate to trouble you at this very busy season, but upon glancing through our files, we notice that on September 10th we wrote to you, expressing our gratitude for your kind offer of an inscribed copy of GOD'S CHILDRENS, and biographical material for our Maine Author Collection.

We assure you that we would be most appreciative of this gift, and trust that you will have a convenient moment soon in which to send us the book.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your generous cooperation, and the best wishes of the season.

Very truly yours  
Maine State Library

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Secretary

February 13, 1936

Mr. John DeMeyer  
84 Benedict Terrace  
Longmeadow, Mass.

Dear Mr. DeMeyer:

We realize how very busy your hours must be, but we do hope that you have not forgotten your generous offer of a copy, inscribed, of GOD'S CHILDREN, for the Maine Author Collection.

We have anticipated adding this volume to the books in this collection, and we still trust that you will be able to send us a copy in the near future.

You are assured of our appreciation of your interest and of a cordial welcome, should you find yourself in Augusta at any time.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary

April 29, 1936

Mr. John DeMeyer  
84 Benedict Terrace  
Longmeadow, Mass .

Dear Mr. DeMeyer:

We hope that the delay of GOD'S  
CHILDREN, which you very kindly offered  
to inscribe for the Maine Author Collection,  
is occasioned only by your busy life.

We assure you that we are still  
eager to include the book, and we hope  
that in the near future, you will be able  
to inscribe the copy, and send it to us,  
with a bill, that we may have it in the  
collection.

Very truly yours  
Maine State Library

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Secretary



# MILTON BRADLEY CO.

## EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

*Boston, New York, Chicago.  
Philadelphia, Atlanta, San Francisco*

*Springfield, Mass.*

June 4, 1936

Miss Hilda McLeod  
Secretary Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss McLeod:

I wish to apologize for my seeming neglect in not sending the copy of GOD'S CHILDREN to you before this time. The fact is I have been so terribly busy that it just slipped my mind. This copy is going forward today with my compliments.

Very truly yours,

*John DeBary*

*Cable*  
MILTBRADCO

June 8, 1936

John DeMeyer  
84 Benedict Terrace  
Longmeadow, Mass.

Dear Mr. DeMeyer:

We have received the inscribed copy of GOD'S CHILDREN, and extend our sincere thanks to you for this addition to the Maine Author Collection.

As you previously wrote, it is a "rough tale," but we are glad to notice the Maine qualities. Particularly are we pleased by your inscription, and to know that we may expect you each year as a summer resident.

Please accept a cordial invitation to visit the State Library when you are again in Maine.

Very truly yours  
Maine State Library

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Secretary